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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5984

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SUBJECT: FONMIN ANNOUNCES ARANA WILLING MEDIATE SALVADOR-
HONDURAS DISPUTE

REF: GUATEMALA 5768

1. IN DECEMBER 18 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT
RECEIVED FRONT PAGE PLAY IN LOCAL PRESS, FONMIN JORGE
ARENALES DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT ARANA WOULD BE WILLING
TO MEDIATE BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IN ATTEMPT TO
FIND SOLUTION TO DISPUTE. HE ADDED THAT GUATEMALA LOOKED
UPON THE DISPUTE AS SOMETHING THAT WENT BEYOND ONLY
SALVADOR AND HONDURAS AND WAS OF CONCERN TO ALL OF
CENTRAL AMERICAN, AND THUS ARANA IS INTERESTED
IN SEEKING AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO GUARANTEE PEACE
IN THE AREA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ARENALES SAID IT WAS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF
PRESIDENTS BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

2. THIS MORNING I CALLED ON ARENALES AND ASKED
HIM IF HIS STATEMENT ON ARANA'S WILLINGNESS TO
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MEDIATE HAD RESULTED FROM POSITIVE RESPONSES FROM
SALVADOR AND HONDURAS WITH REGARD TO HIS PREVIOUS

INITIATIVE (REFTEL). ARENALES SAID THAT HIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN MADE COMPLETELY ON HIS OWN AND HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH BATRES AND BORGONOVO AS THEY HAD AS YET MADE NO RESPONSE TO HIS INITIATIVE. ARENALES REMARKED THAT HE HAD NOT EVEN CONSULTED WITH ARANA BEFORE MAKING STATEMENT, BUT WOULD EXPLAIN HIS MOTIVES TO THE PRESIDENT LATER TODAY. ARENALES SAID HE MADE STATEMENT BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING THE DOOR TO NEGOTIATIONS OPEN FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE MEXICAN TALKS AND WOULD PROVIDE A MECHANISM THAT SALVADOR AND HONDURAS COULD SEIZE UPON IN THE FUTURE IF THEY WISHED TO.

3. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO, AN ADDITIONAL ARENALES MOTIVE IN MAKING THE STATEMENT WAS PROBABLY TO KEEP HIS BOSS, ARANA, FROM BEING COMPLETELY UPSTAGED BY SOMOZA.
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